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Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicant has canceled claims 1-24 and 27-30 and has added new claims 31-36. No new matter has been added. Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting that claims 25-26 were allowable. Favorable reconsideration of this application is, consequently, earnestly solicited in view of the following remarks.

Claims 21-24 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 8, 11 and 15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,679,025 and under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,276,956 issued to Manula. Claims 21-24 have been canceled.

Applicant has added new claims 31-36 that depend from allowable claims 25 and 26. No new matter has been added and the new claims do not require an additional search because the subject matter added by the new claims was previously claimed in claims 22 and 23.

In view of the foregoing considerations, it is respectfully urged that claims 25-26 and 31-36 be allowed. Such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the attorney at the below listed number.

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